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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

WASHINGTON POST

STAFF WRITER MURREY MARDER, MARLYN BERGER, AND DAN MORGAN ASSESS YOUR FIRST SIX MONTHS IN OFFICE. MARDER'S ARTICLE CENTERS ON YOUR EFFORTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERE HIGHLIGHTED BY ONE OF YOUR QUOTATIONS ON THE STRATGY OF BISMARCK..."ANYONE WISHING TO AFFECT EVENTS MUST BE (AN) OPPORTUNIST TO SOME EXTENT. THE REAL DISTINCTION IS BETWEEN THOSE WHO ADOPT THEIR PURPOSES TO REALITY AND THOSE WHO SEEK TO MOLD REALITY IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR PURPOSES...PURE OPPORTUNISM TENDS TO BE STERILE..." BERGER'S ARTICLE GIVES A THUMB-NAIL SKETCH OF YOUR "TEAM" AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. SONNENFELDT, HYLAND, LORD, EAGLEBUGER, SISCO, MCCLOSKEY, AND RUSH ARE DESCRIBED AS OFFICIALS WITH WHOM YOU ARE COMFORTABLE AND UPON WHOM YOU AUTOMATICALLY COUNT ON. DAN MORGAN'S ARTICLE TARGETS THE SUBJECT ECONOMICS AS BEING YOUR WEAKEST AREA OF EXPERTS. DESCRIBED AS A MASTER OF BALANCE-OF-POWER POLITICS, YOU ARE RATED AS A C-SCHOLAR IN GRASPING THE ECONOMIC ELEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. YOUR PHOTO ACCOMPANIES THE ARTICLES ON A-14.  
(THE MARDER ARTICLE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU VIA STATE CABLE.)

17 OF THE 39 AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES SOUTH-OF THE SAHARA ARE NOW AFFECTED BY THE DROUGHT WHICH IS SPREADING LIKE A MALIGNANT DISEASE. (A-1)

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ISRAELI WAR PLANES BOMBED SYRIAN POSITIONS ALONG THE GOLAN HEIGHTS YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE OCTOBER TRUCE. (A-1)  
JIM HOAGLAND REPORTS ON THE CONFLICTING STORIES CONCERNING THE EVENTS IN LIBYA WITH RESPECT TO A DECREE PUSHING QADHAFI INTO A FIGURE-HEAD ROLE. (A-1)

A FORD FOUNDATION-SPONSORED STUDY CONCLUDED YESTERDAY THAT THE CHANCES OF TERRORISTS BLACKMAILING THE U.S. WITH HOMEMADE ATOMIC BOMBS WILL INCREASE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS UNLESS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT SECURITY IS TIGHTENED. (A-12)

EVANS AND NOVAK CLAIM THAT SEN. GOLDWATER AND WATERGATE KILLED THE NOMINATION OF PAUL NITZE TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. (C-7)

## WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS

HEADLINE STORY DISCUSSES PRESIDENT NIXON'S MEETINGS YESTERDAY, AND THOSE PLANNED FOR TODAY, WITH MAJOR EUROPEAN LEADERS. THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE STRESSED THE NEED FOR STRONGER COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION WITH THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE TALKS COULD BE A START TOWARD MAKING 1974 WASHINGTON'S "YEAR OF EUROPE", A GOAL THAT WAS SIDE TRACKED IN 1973 BY OTHER FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MATTERS.

ISRAELI FORCES OPENED FIRE ON SYRIAN TROOPS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS FRONT YESTERDAY AND USED WARPLANES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE OCTOBER CEASE-FIRE, ACCORDING TO UNITED NATIONS TRUCE OBSERVERS. ISRAELI TROOPS REMAINED ON HIGH ALERT ALONG THE ARAB FRONTS, FEARFUL OF A REPETITION OF THE LAST YOM KIPPUR HOLIDAY WHEN SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN TROOPS LAUNCHED THEIR ATTACK. ALSO WORSENING IN THE JEWISH STATE WAS THE POLITICAL FUROR STIRRED BY THE REPORT OF A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FIXING BLAME FOR ISRAEL'S INITIAL SETBACKS AT YOM KIPPUR. ISRAEL'S CHIEF OF STAFF, LT. GEN. DAVID ELAZAR, ALREADY HAS RESIGNED FROM THE ARMY BECAUSE OF THE REPORT AND THERE IS A GROWING CLAMOR FOR THE RESIGNATION OF MRS. MEIR AND HER DEFENSE MINISTER, MOSHE DAYAN, OR THE ENTIRE COALITION GOVERNMENT.

INFORMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN CAIRO REPORT THAT KING HUSAYN OF JORDAN SOON WILL ANNOUNCE THAT HE RECOGNIZES THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION HEADED BY YASSER ARAFAT AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. HE REPORTEDLY WILL ALSO SAY THAT HE FEELS THE P.L.O. SHOULD TAKE ITS SEAT AT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE THIS SPRING, ALONG WITH JORDAN, EGYPT AND SYRIA. IN A THIRD MAJOR DEPARTURE FROM PAST POLICIES, HUSAYN IS NOW UNDERSTOOD TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT A PLEBISCITE AMONG PALESTINIANS ON THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER SHOULD BE HELD, AFTER AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF VARIOUS FRIENDLY

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ARAB COUNTRIES RATHER THAN THOSE OF HIS OWN GOVERNMENT.

SEN. LOWELL R. WEICKER SAYS HE HAS EVIDENCE THE WHITE HOUSE SPIED ON A DOZEN MAJOR POLITICIANS AND USED INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TO PRY LOOSE DATA ON ENTERTAINERS SUCH AS FRANK SINATRA AND SAMMY DAVIS, JR. THE CONNECTICUT REPUBLICAN IS SCHEDULED TO PRESENT HIS EVIDENCE APRIL 8 AS HE TESTIFIED BEFORE THREE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEES HOLDING JOINT HEARINGS INTO POLITICAL SPYING AND THE USE OF WARRANTLESS WIRETAPS FOR "NATIONAL SECURITY" PURPOSES. WEICKER DID NOT SAY HOW OR WHERE HE HAD OBTAINED THE DOCUMENTS BUT AIDES SAID THEY INCLUDE RECORDS OF THE UASEWICZ INVESTIGATIONS, THE WHITE HOUSE FILES OF JOHN CAULFIELD, ULASEWICZ'S IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR, WHITE HOUSE MEMOS RELATING TO USE OF THE IRS AND MEMOS CONCERNING MILITARY SPYING ON POLITICAL GROUPS.

CROSBY NAYES WRITES THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS, THE MIDDLE EAST IS NOT LIKELY TO LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER. BEYOND THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT--A SETTLEMENT OF WHICH STILL IS NOWHERE IN SIGHT--THE REGION IS CERTAIN TO REMAIN ONE OF THE MOST UNSETTLED AND POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE AREAS OF THE WORLD. AMERICAN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, FURTHERMORE, IS DOING VERY LITTLE TO INSURE THE STABILITY OF THE AREA. FOR THE UNITED STATES IS CONTRIBUTING IN A VERY LARGE WAY TO A DEVELOPING ARMS RACE IN THE REGION OF THE PERSIAN GULF THAT COULD AT SOME POINT PRODUCE UNFORTUNATE RESULTS. THE ARTICLE DISCUSSES IRAN'S PUSH FOR HEGEMONY AND CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES IS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCE OF IRAN AS A MAJOR MILITARY FACTOR IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND SHOULD BE MINDFUL OF THE INHERENT DANGERS INVOLVED IN THE PRACTICE OF PROXY POWERS POLITICS.

BALTIMORE SUN

PRESIDENT MADE PLEA FOR CLOSER TRANS-ATLANTIC CONSULTATION DIRECTLY TO EUROPEAN LEADERS IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS IN PARIS. HAIG DESCRIBED THE TALKS AS "VERY CONSTRUCTIVE". (A-1)

THE NEW EDITOR OF "AL-AHAM", ALI AMIN, IS LEADING CAMPAIGN OF CRITICISM AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT NASIR. (A-1)

LED BY VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING, THE MOST SENIOR DELEGATION EVER TO GO TO THE UN - OR THE US - IS ON ITS WAY AFTER A RAPE "HIGH POWERED" SEND-OFF AT PEKING AIRPORT BY VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE EFFECTIVE TOP LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTRY. (A-2)

REBEL FORCES OVERRAN THREE COMBODIAN GOVERNMENT OUTPOSTS NEAR PHNOM PENH LEAVING MORE THAN 400 MILITARY AND CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. (A-2)

SEN. MANSFIELD PREDICTED THE SENATE WOULD JOIN THE HOUSE IN BARRING MORE AID FOR SOUTH VIETNAM. (A-2)

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PENTAGON OFFICIALS SAID THE START OF MINE CLEARING IN THE SUEZ CANAL AREA HAS BEEN DELAYED "TECHNICAL MATTERS." (A-4)

JOE KRAFT RHETORICALLY ASKS WHY SEN. KENNEDY IS GOING TO MOSCOW AT THIS TIME. HE SUMMIZES THAT KENNEDY WANTS TO BECOME PART OF THE ISSUE OF DETENT NOW WHOLLY BEING PLAYED BY YOU AND SEN. JACKSON. KENNEDY, ACCORDING TO KRAFT, SEES THE DETENTE DEBATE AS A PRESIDENTIAL ISSUE AND HAS MISGIVINGS ABOUT WHAT HE CONCEIVES TO BE HAWKISH POLICIES NOW BEING ENUNCIATED BY JACKSON. KENNEDY DOES NOT WANT JACKSON TO GET THE '76 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, AND THE STRONGER SEN. JACKSON LOOKS, THE MORE KENNEDY IS LIKELY TO COME FORWARD. (K-2)

N.Y. TIMES

JOHN HERBUS REVIEWS THE PRESIDENT'S DAY AFTER ATTENDING MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR POMPIDOU. THE PRESIDENT WAS SAID TO HAVE CONFERRED WITH POHER, PM WILSON, CHANCELLOR BRANDT, AND PREIDENT LEONE. DON ZIEGLER ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEETINGS WERE GENERAL DISCUSSIONS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, WORLD TRENDS AND THE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE. (1)

ALGERIA IS SAID TO BE URGING THE PROPEROUS INDUSTRIAL POWERS TO LOOK BEYOND THE ENERGY CRISES DURING THE UPCOMING UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION AND TO ACCEPT A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTRIES THAT ARE THE PRODUCERS OF NOT ONLY OIL BUT OF OIL BASIC COMMODITIES. MANY ATTENDING THE SESSION DOUBT THAT THE SESSION WILL PRODUCE RESULTS BEYOND THE USUAL SPEECHES. ALGERIAN'S CHIEF DELEGATE, MR. RABAL, SAID THAT ALGERIAN'S CALL FOR THE ASSEMBLY SESSION WAS PARTLY AN EFFORT TO COUNTER YOUR INITIATIVES IN BRINGING TOGETHER THE MAJOR OIL CONSUMERS TO DEAL WITH THE OIL CRISES. HE ALLEGED THAT NEITHER THE AMERICAN INITIATIVES NOR FRANCE'S PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCE REACHED THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE ECONOMIC IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR. (8)

HENRY TANNER REPORTS THAT KING HUSSEIN WILL SOON ANNOUNCE THAT HE RECOGNIZES THE PLO AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN CAIRO SAY THE KING WILL ANNOUNCE HIS BACKING OF THE PLO AFTER COMPLETION OF A SERIES OF VISITS THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST. HUSSEIN IS ALSO EXPECTED TO STATE THAT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE SEATED AT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE LATER THIS SPRING. (9)

MR. KUDDOUS, A LEADING CAIRO EDITOR, WROTE IN THE WEEKLY AKHBAR AL YOM THE SHARPEST ATTACK ON THE SOVIET UNION TO APPEAR IN THE EGYPTIAN PRESS IN A LONG TIME. HE CHARGED IN EFFECT THAT MOSCOW WAS SEEKING TO OBSTRUCT PROGRESS TOWARD TROOP DISENGAGEMENT BECAUSE

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OF ITS RIVALRY WITH WASHINGTON. MR. KUDDUS SAID MOSCOW FEARED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD GET ALL THE CREDIT FOR A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS RIVALRY THAT THE SITUATION IN SYRIA IS STILL FROZEN. HE WROTE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS UPSET WITH EGYPT BECAUSE IT FAILED TO CONSULT WITH MOSCOW PRIOR TO ACCEPTING THE MEDIATION EFFORT PUT FORTH BY YOU. BUT, KUDDUS SAYS, MOSCOW LIKEWISE FAILED TO CONSULT WITH CAIRO WHEN THE AMERICAN-SOVIET POLICY OF DETENTE WAS INITIATED BY THE NIXON/BREZHNEV EXCHANGES IN 1971 AND 1973. HE NOTED THAT THE SOVIET-EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP TREATY PROVIDES FOR CLOSE CONSULTATIONS.

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